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ZEITLIN AND FREEMAN TO PERFORM

A program of instrumental chamber music performed by Zvi Zeitlin, violin, and Robert Freeman, piano, will be sponsored by the McKim Fund on Friday evening, March 11.

Mr. Zeitlin was born in Russia and raised in Israel. He came to the United States at age 11 to study at the Juilliard School in New York, after which he resided alternately in the two countries until after the Second World War. He has performed with eminent conductors and has earned an outstanding reputation not only for his performances of the standard repertoire, but for notable interpretations of 20th-century works. Mr. Zeitlin is currently on the artist faculty of the Eastman School of Music, where he became the first Kilbourn professor in 1974. During the summer months he serves as head of the violin department at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Freeman is a native of Rochester, N.Y., and has served since 1973 as the director of the Eastman School of Music there. He attended the Eastman preparatory division before studying at Harvard College and Princeton University. A performer, conductor, and scholar, Mr. Freeman has been piano soloist and oboist with numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles, has served on the music faculties of M.I.T., Princeton, and Harvard, and is the author of scholarly publications. This concert will be his second appearance at the Library of Congress.

The program on March 11 will include the Sonata in A, Op. 13, by Gabriel Fauré, Sonata [1943] by Aaron Copland, Caprice Variations for unaccompanied violin by George Rochberg [1973], and Divertimento (inspired by the music of Tchaikovsky) by Igor Stravinsky.

The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St. N.W. beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 7. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert will be broadcast by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

AQUISITION FROM GREEN FUND NOTED

Funds which friends of the late Constance McLaughlin Green donated to the Library in her memory have enabled the Library to purchase Lewis Masquerier's exercise in land planning, *A Scientific Division and Nomenclature of the Earth and Particularly the Territory of the United States, Into States, Counties, Townships, Farms and Lots...* (New York, N.Y., 1847).

Mrs. Green, the daughter of a Pultizer Prize-winning

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historian, received that award in 1963 for her *Washington: Village and Capital, 1800-1878* (Princeton, N.J., 1962). The critics applauded her design and execution of an "interpretive, rather than comprehensive, foolproof" history. In addition to publishing widely in the fields of urban and industrial history, Mrs. Green was very active in the academic communities of Washington. For the Library of Congress, she was a Capitol Hill neighbor as well as a constant reader.

Lewis Masquerier's anarchic individualism and proposed remedies for the evils of the social system would have interested and amused Mrs. Green. In *A Scientific Division,* for example, Masquerier suggests the division of the open lands of the West into townships six miles square with villages in the geometric centers, and the further division of the townships into homesteads of 40 acres each. These homesteads would then be open "to every landless American, Mexican, Indian, White, Black slave throughout the earth." Masquerier can be thought to have anticipated the distribution of the public domain to actual settlers provided for in the Homestead Act of 1862.

Masquerier was associated with George Henry Evans, John Windt, and the other radical dissenters and nonconformists of the National Reform Association. John Windt printed *A Scientific Division* on the press used for *Young America* and the other periodical organs of this loose grouping of visionaries.

A Scientific Division can be consulted in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division.

NEW GUIDE TO DISSERTATIONS ON ARAB WORLD NOW AVAILABLE

The second edition of the bibliography *American Doctoral Dissertations on the Arab World, 1883-1974* has been issued by the Library. The publication lists 1,825 dissertations related to the Arab World accepted mainly during the academic years 1968 through 1974 by universities in the United States and Canada. The first edition, published in 1970, covered dissertations issued between 1883 and 1968.

Like its predecessor, the second edition includes dissertations dealing with science and technology as well as with the humanities and the social sciences. Geographically, it covers all the Arabic-speaking countries of the Near East and North Africa and all communities where Arabic is spoken. Minorities living in Arabic-speaking countries are included. Titles related to Islam as a religion regardless of the part of the world involved are also listed. The period of time covered extends from the rise of Islam (about A.D. 610) to the present.

The publication was compiled by George D. Selim of the Orientalia Division. Titles were taken from *Dissertation Abstracts,* other authoritative bibliographies, and unpublished sources such as university records.

The entries are arranged alphabetically by author and include the title of the dissertation, the name of the university or institution in abbreviated form, and the year the dissertation was accepted. The number of pages and the call numbers are provided when available. A subject index is included.

The 173-page clothbound publication is available for $4.60 by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (stock No. 030-000-00074-9) or in person from the Information Counter on the Ground Floor of the Library of Congress Building.

DBPH ISSUES NEW CATALOG

The Library's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has taken the first step in the creation of a union catalog of braille and recorded materials. The new catalog, *Reading Material for the Blind and Physically Handicapped,* indexes nearly 10,000 titles in the DBPH collection of works in braille and on cassette, record, or flexible disk.

The catalog has been produced through a computer-output-microfiche (COM) process on 27 segments of microfilm measuring four by six inches. More than 60 file drawers would be necessary to store

Frank Kurt Cylke, DBPH chief (far left), discusses the first edition of the new microfiche catalog, Reading Materials for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, *with (left to right) Joyce L. Owens, project leader, retrospective cataloging at DBPH; Richard W. Genter, Bibliographic Systems Office, Library of Congress; F. William Summers, dean, School of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina; Grace J. Lyons (seated), librarian, District of Columbia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Fred E. Croxton, director, Reader Services Department, Library of Congress; Anne Marie Falsone, assistant commissioner, Colorado State Library; and William J. Welsh, Deputy Librarian of Congress. Copies of the microfiche catalog and the microfiche readers were recently placed on permanent loan in more than 150 libraries that serve blind and handicapped individuals throughout the United States.*

the same material in a traditional card catalog. Through the COM process, revisions can be included and complete new editions produced in much less time and at a fraction of the cost of print material.

Copies of the catalog are currently being distributed only to the 154 regional and subregional libraries that make up the DBPH network, serving more than 478,000 active users of all ages. Microfilm readers have been loaned to each participating library.

Work on this new compilation began in May 1974 with a special appropriation by Congress. Plans for future editions include the addition of books which are also produced by various libraries, agencies, and volunteer groups serving the blind and physically handicapped. Since such publications are not in the collections of DBPH, a locator component will be added to identify where these books can be obtained.

There are six separate sections in the current catalog. The Main Entry Section contains complete bibliographic information on each book. Besides these usual elements, each entry indicates the medium used (braille, cassette, record, or flexible disk) and the number of volumes, sides, or cassettes, recording speed, and narrator. Books are also indexed by subject, DBPH book number, narrator, Dewey Decimal classification number, and foreign language.

Materials from the DBPH collections are available through participating libraries to anyone who is legally blind or has a handicap which prevents the use of regular print material. Books are mailed to the reader postage-free and cassette players and phonographs are also supplied free of charge on a loan basis.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS LISTED IN ARL BICENTENNIAL VOLUME

Two Library of Congress publications are listed in a Bicentennial volume issued by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), *76 United Statesiana: Seventy-six Works of American Scholarship Relating to America,* edited by Edward Connery Lathem (Washington, D.C., 1976). In addition, the book includes *The Americans: The Democratic Experience* (New York, N.Y., 1973), the Pulitzer Prize-winning history by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin.

The Library of Congress publications are the 34-volume *Journals of the Continental Congress 1774-1789,* edited by Worthington C. Ford and others (Washington, D.C., 1904-37) and *Guide to the Diplomatic History of the United States, 1775-1921* by Samuel Flagg Bemis and Grace Gardner Griffin (Washington, D.C., 1935). Two other publications are "LC-related": *A Treasury of American Folklore,* edited by B. A. Botkin when he was in charge of the Archive of American Folk Song, and the *Bio-Bibliographical Index of Musicians in the United States of America From Colonial Times,* a WPA-Historical Records Survey project, of which the Library was a cosponsor.

For each of the 76 works included, there is a facsimile reproduction of the original title page and, on the facing page, an assessment of its importance and the circumstances of its publication. Former Librarian of Congress Luther H. Evans is the author of the note on his successor's book, which he calls "a truly original, exciting, and learned–but fast-flowing and attention-holding–story." Conrad P. Eaton, librarian of the Department of State, assesses the Bemis and Griffin guide. John C. Broderick is the author of the note on the *Journals of the Continental Congress*, which was edited by three of his predecessors as chief of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division.

Other contributors are former President Gerald Ford, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, former Deputy Librarians of Congress Rutherford D. Rogers and John G. Lorenz, and other scholars, librarians, and officers of learned and professional societies. An unclassifiable contributor is columnist Art Buchwald, writing on H. L. Mencken's *The American Language*.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

George V. Foster, assistant to the chief of the Buildings Management Office, retired on January 28 after 31 years of Federal service.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Foster began his Federal Government service with an appointment on July 2, 1945 as a messenger in the Dispatch Unit, Loan Division, resigning August 1949. He returned to the Library in January 1950 as bindery helper, Duplicating Unit of the former Office of the Secretary. In 1965, Mr. Foster was promoted to the position of bindery foreman, and in 1976 to the position of assistant to the chief, Buildings Management Office.

Mr. Foster was honored at an informal retirement reception in the Buildings Management Office on January 28.

AWARD

Everett Mullins, Jr., of the Supply Unit, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on February 4 by Floyd D. Hedrick, chief, Procurement and Supply Division.

A native of Twin Branch, W. Va., Mr. Mullins attended School in Beckley. He began his Federal service in 1949 with the U.S. Army. Upon retirement in 1969, Mr. Mullins came to the Library in the Mail Receiving and Delivery Unit, Central Services Division, later joining the Procurement and Supply Division in 1971.

During his time with the Library, Mr. Mullins has received numerous letters of appreciation and commendation for his sustained high level of performance.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: William Asher, MARC name authority editor/input operator, GS-5, MARC Ed, 2278; Stephen Chilton, analyst in social legislation, GS-12, CRS Ed, 4196; Diana Joyner, MARC name authority editor/input operator, GS-5, MARC Ed, 2278; Maureen Moore, preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, 4044; Haywood W. Taylor, III, deck attendant (trainee), GS-2, S&R, OP 1-600; John Watson, processing assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 4046; William White, microphotographer (trainee), GT-3, Photodup, OP 5-100.

Temporary Appointment: John Connell, reference clerk, GS-3, CRS E, 4285.

Reappointments: Lewis McCray, private, SP-7, Bldgs, 2322; Leonard Randolph, head, filing section, GS-11, Cat Mgmt, NP.

Promotions: Warren E. Allen II, to assistant film editor, GT-4, Photodup, 4083; John Bethel, Cop Ref, to copyright technician, GS-6, Cop Exam, 4205; Rose Clemandot, Share Cat, to assistant head, shelflisting unit, GS-12, Subj Cat, 4206; Naomi Lapin, to copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 4079; Rita Maturi, to senior copyright examiner, GS-12, Cop Exam, 4123; Gwendolyn Nathan, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS G, 4183.

Transfers: Beth Ball, MARC Dev, to library technician, GS-5, G&M, 4197; Robert Parker, Cat Mgmt, to copyright technician, GS-6, Cop Exam, 4205.

Resignations: Terre Belt, CRS SPR, Janet Bernstein, CRS Ed; Kathryn Fabrizio, CRS L; Joseph C. Flood, Jr., Cop Serv.

Correction: In the story on the appointment of Guy A. Marco on page 108 of the February 11 LC *Information Bulletin*, the acting chief of the General Reference and Bibliography Division was incorrectly identified. His name is Edward N. MacConomy.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Paul Boswell, Serial Division, will take part in the Folger Shakespeare Library's Midday Muse series with a poetry reading at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. Mr. Boswell's poems have frequently appeared in the LCPA *Newsletter*. Also on the program is Patricie Wilson, who currently holds a Frederick Douglas Scholarship at the University of Maryland.

John Y. Cole, Office of Planning and Development,

was the speaker at a meeting of the New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in New York City on February 9. Mr. Cole discussed the year-long review of the activities of the Library of Congress recently completed by the Task Force on Goals, Organization, and Planning.

Lewis Flacks, special legal assistant to the Register of Copyrights, addressed the Library Resources Planning Institute in Palo Alto, Calif., on November 12 and 13 on the impact of the new copyright law on libraries and librarians. On the morning of November 18, Mr. Flacks was the speaker at a meeting of the Maryland Library Association at the University of Maryland, discussing library reproductions under the new law. On the afternoon of November 18, Mr. Flacks discussed the impact of the new law on audiovisual materials at the Council on International Non-Theatrical Events.

Paul T. Heffron, assistant chief of the Manuscript Division, participated in a panel discussion on January 26 on radio station WAMU on Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney (1777-1864). The discussion coincided with the Manuscript Division's current exhibit on the Chief Justice.

Samuel Iftikhar of the Orientalia Division was the keynote speaker at a meeting at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., on December 18 to mark the centennial of the birth of M. A. Jinnah, the Founder of Pakistan. Mr. Iftikhar spoke on "The Legend Called Quaid-e-Azam: My Confessions," bringing into focus those unique qualities of Jinnah which show why the people of Pakistan acclaim him as their greatest hero and the friends of Pakistan acknowledge him as a figure of immortal greatness. The meeting was sponsored by the Pakistan Student Association and the Pakistan Community of Baltimore, including faculty members of the Johns Hopkins University.

David W. Littlefield, Near East specialist, Subject Cataloging Division, has just published *The Islamic Near East and North Africa: An Annotated Guide To Books in English for Non-specialists* (Littleton, Colo., Libraries Unlimited, Inc). His book reviews appear regularly in *Library Journal, American Reference Books Annual*, and *History*.

Leo A. Orleans, China research specialist, is the compiler of "A Selective Bibliography of the Demography of China," published in the October 1976 issue of *Population Index*. This special China issue of the *Index* is designed as a tribute to the late Irene B. Taeuber who, after 25 years and more of producing numerous authoritative demographic studies from her study desk at the Library of Congress, left many friends in this institution.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Training Office** has announced the following courses prepared for Library of Congress employees. Attendance must be job-related and nominations must be submitted by the individual's supervisor using form OF 170, *Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training.* Supervisors should note nomination deadlines. Nominations for scheduled courses will not be accepted after the specified nomination deadline except when the course is undersubscribed. Further information may be obtained by calling the Training Office on ext. 6348 or by referring to the annual *Catalog of Course Offerings, July 1976 through September 1977.*

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
Supervision and Group Performance	3/23-29	3/4
Position Classification for Managers and Supervisors	4/4-8	3/18
Professional Orientation Series	4/5-6/2	3/18
Personnel Policies and Procedures for Supervisors	4/5-14	3/18
Communications Interaction	4/11-15	3/25
French	4/11-5/20	3/25
Financial Management in LC	4/12-21	3/25

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Books: A MARC Format 5th ed. 1972. Addendum No. 13. January 1977 (1 p.) This number announces that information on specifications for magnetic tapes previously given as Appendix A is now being given in a separate document entitled *Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog and Authority Records in the MARC Format.* Both Addendum No. 13 and the new document are available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

National Union Catalog. ISSN 0028-0348. July-September 1976. Part 4: Schars-Z. (314 p.) Compiled

by the Library of Congress with the cooperation of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $1,100 for nine monthly issues, three quarterly issues, and an annual cumulation. It also includes three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation of *Films and Other Materials for Projection,* a semiannual and annual volume of *Music, Books on Music and Sound Recordings,* and the *Register of Additional Locations.*

National Union Catalog. ISSN 0028-0348. December 1976 (xxxiii, 739 p.) Compiled by the Library of Congress with the cooperation of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $1,100 for the nine monthly issues, three quarterly cumulations, and an annual cumulation. It also includes three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation of *Films and Other Materials for Projection,* a semiannual and annual volume of *Music, Books on Music and Sound Recordings,* and the *Register of Additional Locations.*

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028-6680. January 1977. (xiii, 45 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $190 for the year's subscription which consists of eight monthly and four quarterly issues and an annual volume which cumulates one to five years.

New Serial Titles–Classed Subject Arrangement. ISSN 0028-6699. January 1977. (45 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by Cataloging Distribution Service for $40 a year.

Subject Catalog. ISSN 0096-8803. July-September 1976. Vol. 1, A-F (x, 964 p.) Vol. 2, G-O (892 p.) Vol. 3, P-Z (916 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $850 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.

Supplement to LC Subject Headings. January-September 1976. Quarterly cumulative supplement to the 8th edition. (314 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $35 a year.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

MLA Holds Annual Meeting

Approximately 10,000 persons gathered in New York City December 26-29 for the 91st annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, held in the Americana and New York Hilton Hotels. The annual MLA meeting is regarded as the largest meeting of its type in the field of humanistic studies in the world. Nearly 700 separate groups, forums, seminars, and regular and special sessions were scheduled in the four-day interval. There were also several special events at this year's meeting.

The major fields covered were comparative and general literature, linguistics, pedagogy, and American, English, Germanic, Romance languages and literatures, with at least one session in African, Asian, and East European literature, oral literature, neo-Latin, and Celtic studies. Film presentations were devoted to the staging of Shakespeare's plays, the poetry of Robert Frost, and an interview with André Malraux. A special meeting was held on the evening of December 28 to honor Elizabeth Bishop, Library of Congress Consultant in Poetry 1949-50.

A number of sessions were devoted to professional problems, including the present "crisis" in employment of new Ph. D.'s in English and foreign language. One of the liveliest such meetings was a forum on The Uses of the Humanities. The speakers were Wayne C. Booth, professor of English at the University of Chicago, Benjamin DeMott, professor of English at Amherst College, novelist, and columnist for a number of the serious monthly magazines, and Roger Rosenblatt, literary editor of *The New Republic.* Mr. Booth addressed the employment crisis and "scandal" from four points of view, that of the applicant, the senior professor, the academic administrator and the public at large. He argued that changes were necessary in the profession and in society. In particular, he thought that competition among universities for faculty "stars" had had a damaging effect upon the profession. Mr. DeMott wittily characterized the "uses" of the humanities by dwelling upon their absence in the National Air and Space Museum. For all the grandeur and the educational success of the Museum, it fails to convey the sense of human effort and emotion in aeronautical progress. Mr. DeMott wished, for example, that "Friendship 7" were accompanied by a tape recording of John Glenn's voice expressing anxiety about so dangerous a mission as he undertook. Mr. Rosenblatt recalled the student revolutions at Harvard University in the late 1960's, where he was a member of the English department. He correlated the reaction of various departments to the humanistic content of their training and specialty.

Another forum addressed to a contemporary professional crisis was The Scholar and His Publisher, at which Willard A. Lockwood, Herbert S. Bailey, Jr.,

and Morris Philipson, directors of Wesleyan, Princeton, and University of Chicago presses, spoke on scholarly standards, economic factors, and the scholar as publishing author, respectively. Workshops covering particular aspects of the general topics followed each forum.

At the general meeting December 27 three prizes were awarded. The William Riley Parker prize for the outstanding article in *PMLA* went to R. G. Peterson, St. Olaf College. The James Russell Lowell prize for the outstanding book by an MLA member went to Jonathan Culler, Oxford University. And the Howard R. Marroro prize for outstanding scholarship in Italian studies went to Joseph G. Fucilla, Northwestern University.

The Delegate Assembly, representing all regional divisions and special interest groups of the MLA, acted on several matters of importance to the membership at large. The body urged reaffirmation of MLA support of the Equal Rights Amendment; encouraged MLA members to follow examples set by NCTE and ALA in taking specific steps to eliminate racism and sexism from libraries, classrooms, and the teaching profession; asked the Executive Committee to provide better means of identifying non-academic career opportunities and of advising students and graduates who would normally enter the teaching profession about such potential positions; and urged that the MLA not only support the efforts of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture to secure needed support for adequate housing, personnel services, and maintenance but also to inform the membership of the national importance of the center as a research facility. [*John C. Broderick* and *Sylvia Lyons Render*]

AJL Executive Board Meets

The executive board of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) held its mid-winter meeting at the offices of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in New York City on January 24. Among the topics discussed were the plans for the forthcoming annual convention to be held at Brandeis University, Waltham. Mass., on June 26-29. Subjects to be dealt with at that time will include library architecture and cataloging of Rabbinic works. A joint session with the Council of Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies will also be held. Further information about the convention may be obtained by writing to the Association of Jewish Libraries, c/o National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Suite 1512, 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Theodore Wiener, Judaica Cataloger, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, attended as AJL delegate to the Council of National Library Associations.

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A collection of 20,000 photographs of the principal works of art created in Germany from the Middle Ages to the present has been given to the **National Gallery of Art** by the Federal Republic of Germany. The collection becomes part of the gallery's Photographic Archives, a major resource for scholarly research by art historians, architectural historians, and other students in the visual arts. The gift brings the holdings of the archives to approximately 670,000 photographs. Ruth R. Philcrick, former curator of the Epstein Archive in the University of Chicago Department of Art, has recently been appointed to head the Photographic Archives.

COMING EVENTS

Revitalization, Remodeling and Renovation of Libraries: A Workshop for Academic, Public and Special Librarians will take place on March 16-18 at Columbia University and May 11-13 at Rutgers, the State University. The course fee is $125 and the respective deadlines are March 7 and May 2. Enrollment is limited to 35 participants at each workshop, and registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registrations should be directed either to the School of Library Service, 516 Butler Library, Att: C. L. Learmont, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027, or Graduate School of Library Science, Professional Development Studies, Att: I. Moon, Rutgers, The State University, 4 Huntington St., New Brunswick, N.J. 08903, as appropriate.

The **Maryland Conference on Oral History** will be held on Saturday, March 26, at the Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave., in the new Nursing Education Building. The one-day workshop is sponsored by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, the Maryland Historical Society, and the college. Also contributing to the conference are the History Department of the University of Maryland and Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR). The $7.50 fee includes registration and luncheon. Further details are available from either Betty Key, Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, or Joan Anderson, Community College of Baltimore, History Department, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21215.

The **Seventh IATUL (International Association of**

Technological University Libraries) Conference on Developing Library Effectiveness for the Next Decade will take place on May 16-20 in Louvain, Belgium. The conference cost is $150 for staff of member libraries and $175 for others. Requests for information should be directed to IATUL president, G. A. Hamel, The Library, Technological University Twente, P.O. Box 217, Enschede, The Netherlands. Persons interested in presenting papers to the conference should contact W. Dehennin, director of libraries, Katholieke Universiteit, Mgr. Ladeuzeplein 21, Leuven, Belgium.

The **Science Information Association** will hold its second annual program for users of on-line systems on June 3-4 at the Marvin Center, 800 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the University of the District of Columbia in cooperation with the association and George Washington and American Universities. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday; registration is $10 for Friday, $7 for Saturday, or $15 for both days. There is no advance registration. The Science Information Association is located at 3514 Plyers Mill Rd., Kensington, Md. 20795.

A short course on **British Isles Public Documents** will take place at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, on September 6-9. Further information on the course and registration procedures is available from Short Course Organizer, Department of Librarianship, University of Strathclyde, Richmond St., Glasgow, G1 1XH, Scotland.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

A total of $8,000 will be awarded to eight persons who submit outstanding articles in the library/information science field to **American Libraries**, the magazine of the American Library Association. The competition will cover a two-year period, with the first four of eight rounds running through 1977. Complete details and competition rules may be found in the December 1976 *American Libraries*, or may be obtained by writing Prize Competition, *American Libraries*, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

The National Archives, in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association, has announced the second **Charles Thomson prize** competition in history. The $250 award will be made in the fall to the scholar whose work utilizes the holdings of the National Archives or Presidential Libraries to explore any significant aspect of Southern history. Entries should not exceed 7,500 words and should be submitted to the editor of *Prologue*, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408, no later than August 1.

Nominations for the 1976 **George Freedley Award** and **The Theatre Library Association Award** are now being accepted by the Theatre Library Association. The Freedley Award honors a work in the field of theatre published in the United States. Only books with subjects related to live performance will be considered. They may be biography, history, criticism, or a related field. The Theatre Library Association Award honors a book published in the United States in the field of recorded performance, including motion pictures and television. Nominations must be received by March 1. For further information, contact Brooks McNamara, Graduate Drama Department, 300 South Building, New York University, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Thirty-four libraries, universities, archives, and historical organizations in 17 states and the District of Columbia have received more than $1.5 million in grants from the **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH) to assist them in making their collection more useful to scholars and the general public. Ronald S. Berman, chairman of NEH, announced the awards as part of a continuing policy which will catalog and preserve documents in the humanities.

The **National Historical Publications and Records Commission** has been awarded a $156,000 three-year grant from the Andrew H. Mellon Foundation of New York City. The grant will be used to continue three editorial training programs, to hold regional meetings of editors, and to continue publication of a quarterly newsletter.

The School of Information Studies at **Syracuse University** has been awarded a two-year grant by the National Library of Medicine to develop ways of facilitating the flow of health information in a community. The first year of the project is funded at a level of $104,520

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